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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: FY 1976 Ceiling Reduction and New
FY 1976 Position Requirements

REFERENCE: My memorandum dtd 9 April 75,
same subject

1. The four DD's, the Inspector General (representing the DCI area) and I met this morning to discuss distribution of the FY 1976 ceiling reduction. We agreed to accept the personnel ceilings proposed in paragraph 4 of the above memorandum.

2. In agreeing to accept the personnel ceilings as proposed, we recognized that there are a number of present uncertainties which will undoubtedly require future reconsideration of this decision. Included among the concerns expressed by the DD's were the following:

a. The future staffing requirements in SEA, and more specifically in Cambodia and Vietnam. It is possible that OMB and/or Congress may attempt to impose a further ceiling reduction on the Agency in recognition of our reduced commitment in SEA. Any such reduction would leave the Agency with a large number of employees returning to Headquarters where no ceiling would be available. Even without a loss of ceiling, however, the unexpectedly large number of returnees will generate a problem of skills mix, primarily for the DDO.

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b. The DDA has a related but slightly different problem. Except for Communications personnel, Administration careerists occupy positions on the Operations Directorate T/O. The evacuation from Indochina will require various DDA offices to absorb a large number of returning support careerists. To a far lesser degree, this same situation may confront both the DDI and the DDS&T. One remedy is to transfer the necessary ceiling from the DDO overseas T/O against which they were originally carried. The DDO and DDA will look into this.

c. The DDA still has the problem of handling the in-house printing of certain FBIS reports. You will recall that ceiling positions were given up when we anticipated that non-classified FBIS reports could be reproduced and distributed by GPO. This plan could not be implemented and Printing and Photography Division must now continue to provide printing services to FBIS. ☐ positions are involved here.

d. The DDA also points out that some ☐ positions will be required by OJCS in FY 1976 to support Project SAFE. He does not now see how the Directorate can absorb this requirement.

e. The DDI points out that the currently proposed ceiling allocation for FY 1976 provides only ☐ of the ☐ positions needed to meet his minimum requirements.

f. The IC Staff has said that it also intends to ask for additional positions in FY 1976.

g. There may be pressure on us to sharply upgrade the Inspector General's office.

3. In summary then, while the DD's and the IG (for the DCI area) have agreed on FY 1976 ceiling figures, there remain a number of problem areas compounded by the uncertainty of future activities

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in SEA. I am satisfied that we have done as much as we can at this time to adjust to our FY 1976 ceiling of [REDACTED] The DD's and the IG agree and are prepared to proceed accordingly with their FY 1976 program plans. They will expect formal notification of the new levels, and I shall issue revised ceiling figures immediately.

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